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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of delivering information to a requesting user, said method comprising the steps of:

~~recording a request from a user pertaining to~~ making a request available to information providers by a user that said user desires certain information content desired by said user;

~~accessing said recorded request by any information provider other than said user and wherein said accessing is under control of said accessing information provider independent from said user; and~~

~~determining by said accessing information provider whether or not the information said accessing information provider has control of matches the information content requested by that said user desires; and~~

under at least partial control of said determining step delivering said information content which is under the control of said information provider and which information content is desired by said user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~accessing~~ information ~~supplier~~ provider accesses said information via the Internet.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~accessing~~ information ~~supplier~~ provider accesses said information via a connection from said information provider directly to said user.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~recording-step~~ making a request step includes providing user information to control the accessing of such said requests by third parties.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~5~~ 1 wherein said delivering step includes the step of:

~~interacting between said accessing information provider and said user as to the nature of the information to be delivered.~~

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said interacting is selected from the list including:

time of delivery, media for delivery, content of delivery, location for delivery, follow up after delivery, payment information, respective obligation requirements, comparing access permissions.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said interacting step can occur in a media different from the media under which said information is delivered.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 1 wherein said delivering step includes the step of:

making adjustments for one or more factors selected from the list including time, location, media.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjustment is made based on the context of the desired information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjustment is made based on the location of the user.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said information to be delivered is entertainment media.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~information~~ request is recorded local to said user and from time to time transmitted to a remote location.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~information~~ request is recorded locally and accessible from time to time from remote locations by said ~~accessing information~~ providers.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~information~~ request is recorded locally and sent to one or more remote locations for accessing by said ~~accessing information~~ providers.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~information~~ request is initially recorded at a location remote from said user.

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17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~recorded~~ information request is available for accessing by said ~~accessing~~ information providers at one or more locations remote from said user.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information desired by said user is not currently available.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the information desired by said user pertains to future events not scheduled at the time said request is ~~recorded~~ made.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of delivering information to a requesting user, said system comprising:

means for recording ~~a request~~ requests from a user pertaining to information content desired by said user;

means controlled by at least one information content provider for accessing said recorded ones of said request requests, said at least one information content provider being independent from said user, ~~by any information provider~~; and

means controlled by accessing ones of said information content providers for determining, independent from said user, ~~by said accessing information provider~~ whether or not ~~the said~~ information that said information content ~~said accessing~~ provider has control of matches the information content requested by said user a recorded one of said requests; and

means operable under at least partial control of said determining means for delivering the information desired by said user.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~21~~ 20 wherein said delivering means includes:

means for interacting between said ~~accessing~~ information content provider and said user for determining the nature of the information to be delivered.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~21~~ 20 wherein said delivering means includes:

means for making adjustments for factors selected from the list including time, location, media.

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24. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein said adjustment is made based on the context of the desired information.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein said adjustment is made based on the location of the user.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20 wherein said accessing means includes:

means for matching a permission level of a recorded request against a permission level of an accessing party information content provider.

Claims 27-43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A system for providing information to a user, said information available over a network, said system comprising:

means for allowing said user to input and store an abstract of the desired information;

means operative from time to time for allowing any party other than said user to have access to said abstract of said desired information; and

means for allowing those of said other parties having information which said other party deems to be fulfilling of said abstracted information to deliver to said user said fulfilling information, said delivery being under control of said delivering party.

45. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said fulfilling information was not available at the time said user stored said abstract of said desired information.

46. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said delivery allowing means includes means for interacting between the user and said accessing parties to determine one or more of the following, scope of the information content to deliver, time of delivery, mode of delivery, location of delivery, cost of the information, respective liabilities of the parties with respect to the delivered information, limitations on the use of said delivered information.

47. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said allowing means includes flagging certain data at said user's location.

48. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said allowing means includes storing said inputted abstracted desired information at least one site remote from said user.

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49. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said delivering means includes means for modifying the information in accordance with the user's location.

50. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said delivering means includes means for delivering the information in a media context consistent with the user's ability to receive the information at the time of delivery.

51. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said system allowing means includes means for controlling which set of parties may access said desired information.

Claims 52-60 (Canceled)

61. (Currently Amended) A method of delivering information to a requesting user, said method comprising the steps of:
storing requests from users, said requests pertaining to information content desired by said users;
accessing said stored requests by information providers; and
determining by an accessing provider whether or not said accessing provider has control of information which matches an accessed stored request; and
providing information in accordance with stored requests under control of said accessing provider.

62. (Canceled)

63. (Currently Amended) The invention set forth in claim ~~62~~ 61 further including the step of:
under control of said storing user, determining if said storing user will accept information provided by said accessing user.

64. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 61 wherein said stored requests pertain to information not available to said storing user at the time of said storing.

65. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 61 wherein said stored requests pertain to information not in existence at the time of said storing.

66. (Currently Amended) The invention set forth in claim 61 wherein said determining step includes the step of:

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under control of an accessing provider, generating information for delivery to said storing user pertaining to at least one stored request of said storing user.

67. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 66 further including the step of:

allowing said storing user to control whether or not information will be received by said storing user.

68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 wherein said user requests arrive over the Internet.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 wherein said user requests arrive over a first communication service, and wherein said information is provided to said user over a second communication service different from said first communication service.

Claims 71-74 (Canceled)

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including the step of communicating to said user that a match has been determined.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75 wherein said communication step includes an e-mail message.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75 wherein said communication step includes a wireless communication.

78. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~recording~~ requesting step includes the step of receiving said requests over a medium different from the medium in which the requested information content is to be returned to said user.

Claims 79-80 (Canceled)

Claims 81- 85 (Canceled)

Claims 86-96 (Canceled)

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97. (Currently Amended) A method of delivering information to a requesting user, said method comprising:

recording at a location not under control of said user and available for access by parties other than said user a request from a user pertaining to non-subscription information content desired by said user, said information content not necessarily being available to said user at the time of said request;

accessing said recorded request by a parties party other than not under the control of said user; and

determining by a-party any of said accessing parties other than said user when information which becomes available subsequent to said user request that said subsequently available information matches said user request; and

delivering any determined matched information to said user.

98. (Canceled)

99. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98 97 wherein said request is recorded with an intermediary party other than potential parties controlling information desired by said user; said intermediary party available to record requests from a plurality of users desiring information.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 99 wherein said determining is controlled by said intermediary party.

101. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98 97 wherein said delivering is controlled, at least in part, by interaction with said user.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 101 wherein said information content desired by said user is a commodity.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102 wherein said commodity comprises items selected from the list of: goods, services, tickets to events, vacations, travel, entertainment programs.

Claims 104 – 118 (Canceled)